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SUNSHINE SKETCH

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Accepted to a high school specializing in the arts, Yuno moves into a nearby apartment complex to make her commute easier. Just a few days into her new routine, she quickly discovers that creativity doesn't end with the art school bell! Her neighbors – Sae, Hiro, and Miya – are all fellow students, and each has her own hilarious quirks. And eccentricity clearly rules this school; Yuno's homeroom teacher is a cosplay otaku and the principal . . . well, he's just weird. Will the quiet Yuno be able to handle this creatively kooky cast of characters?

Sunshine Sketch

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INTRODUCTION

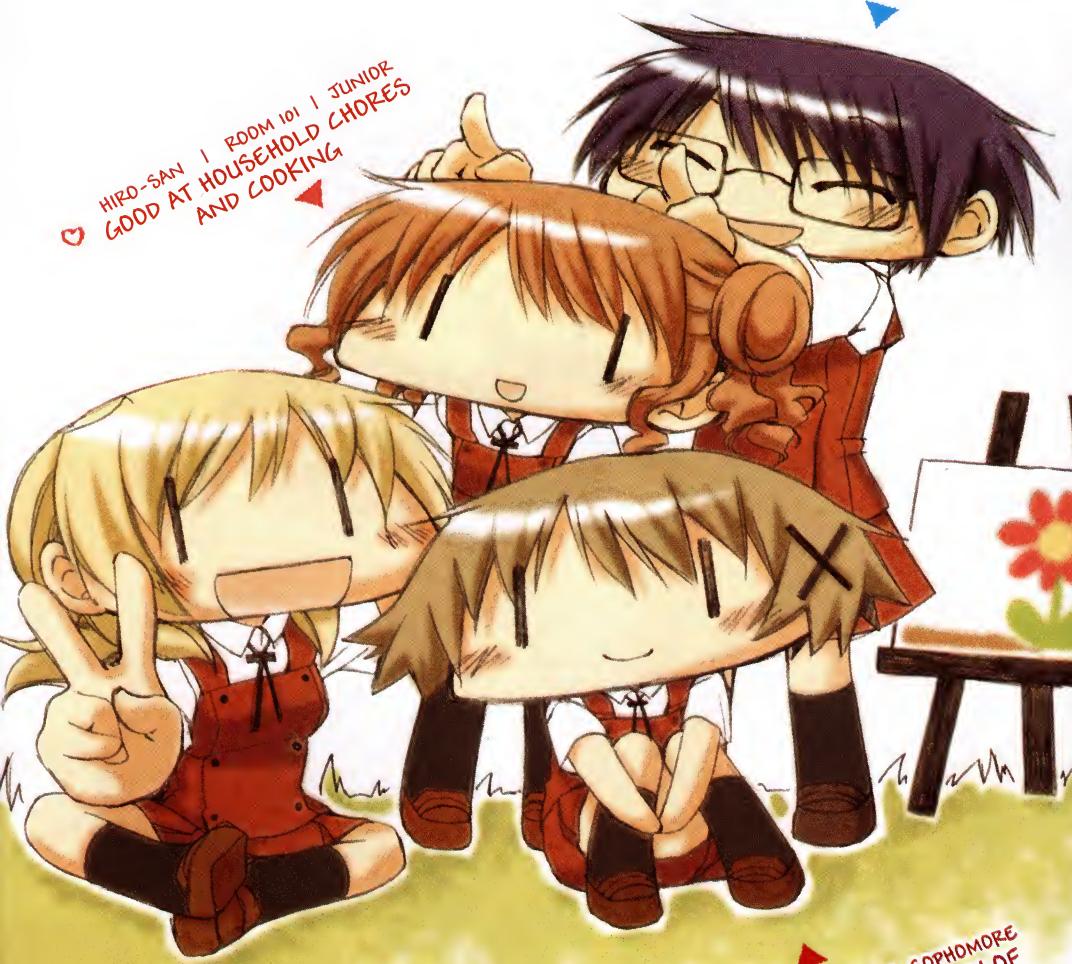
Hidamari
characters

SAE-SAN | ROOM 102 | BEAUTIFUL, TALENTED, JUNIOR EDUCATED

HIRO-SAN | ROOM 101 | JUNIOR GOOD AT HOUSEHOLD CHORES AND COOKING

MIYA-CHAN | ROOM 202 | SOPHMORE SIMPLE AND INNOCENT; STRAIGHTFORWARD

YUNO | ROOM 201 | SOPHMORE WISHES FOR THE SAFETY OF THE HOME; A HARD WORKER



WHAT!? YOU
CAN'T TRAVEL
FOR THREE
HOURS ON THE
TRAIN AND TAKE
THE ENTRANCE
EXAM!!

YOU
SHOULD
JUST
REST
TODAY.

YOU
DIDN'T
HAVE
TO GET
A HOTEL
ROOM
FOR ME.

I
THINK
I'LL BE
OKAY,
BUT I
WANT-
ED IT
TO BE
SURE.

YOU
CAN'T
SLEEP
WITH-
OUT
IT!?

MY
PILLOW.
I LEFT
IT IN THE
FOYER AT
HOME.

I
WILL...

YEAH...
I THINK
SO...

HOW IS
IT? YOU
THINK
YOU CAN
SLEEP?

WHAT?
WHAT
IS IT!?

OH
NO!
I
FORGOT
SOM-
THING!!!

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Z

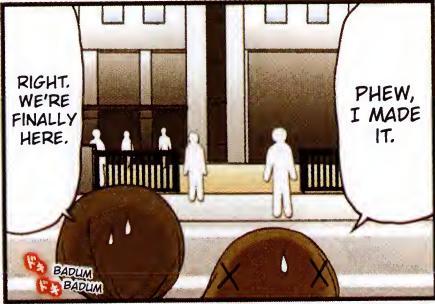
YUNO,
WAKE
UP!!

YU-
NO!

SLEEPING SOUNDLY

SOFTENING

MOTHERLY LOVE



WRONG TEST



SELF-APPEAL



GOOD JOB

VITAMIN C







EVERYONE
SMILING
NOW...



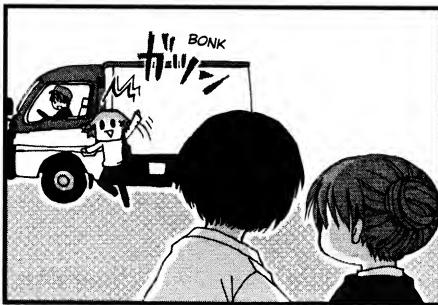
...WILL
BE OUR
UNDER-
CLASSMAN.



OH.

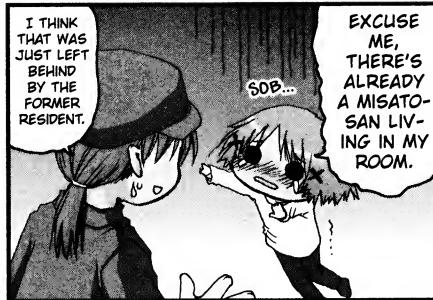
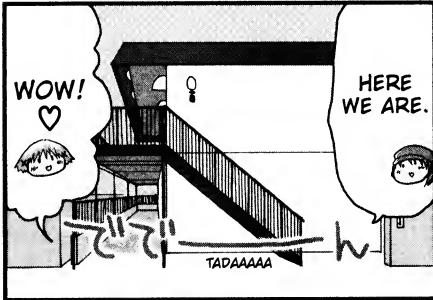
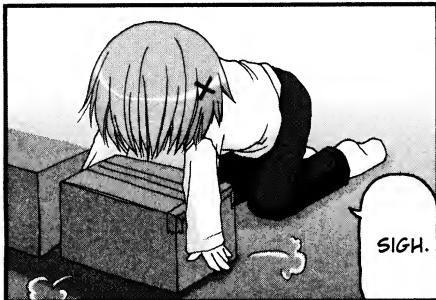


Sunshine Sketch



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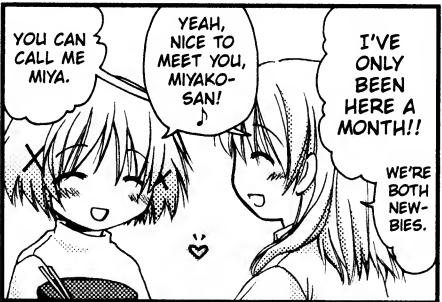
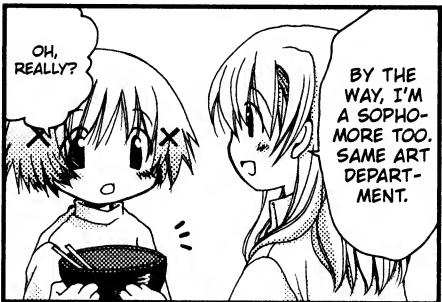
TAKEN ALREADY?



FAVORITE NAME

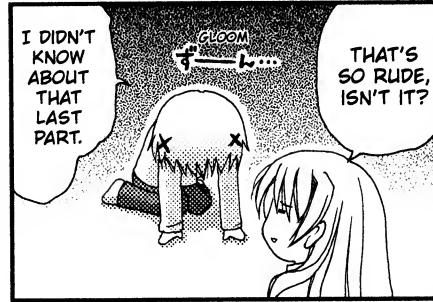
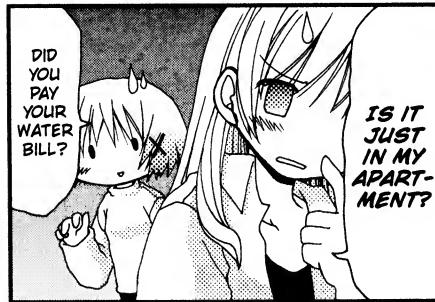
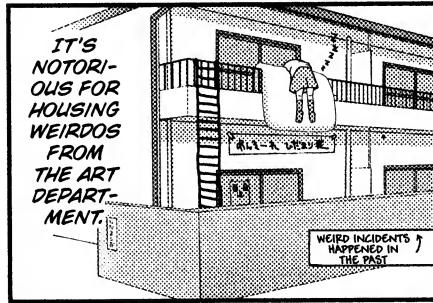
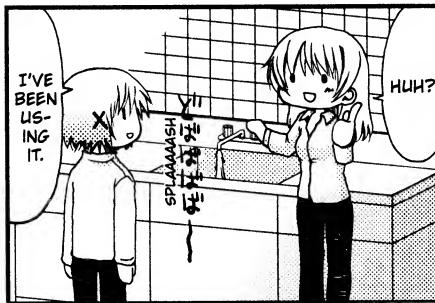
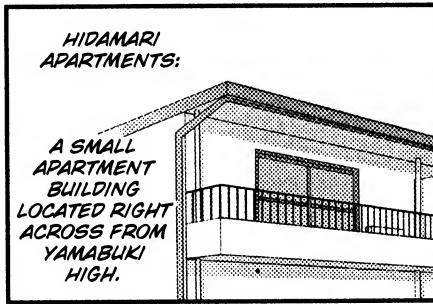
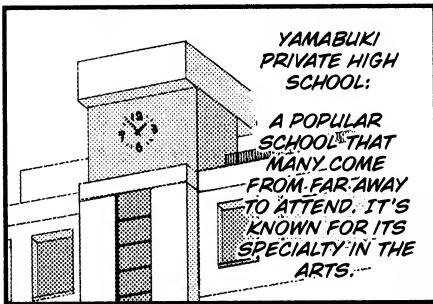


MIYA'S TASTE



YUNO DID MAKE SOBA

THE BASIC FACTS OF HIDAMARI



NO COMPROMISES



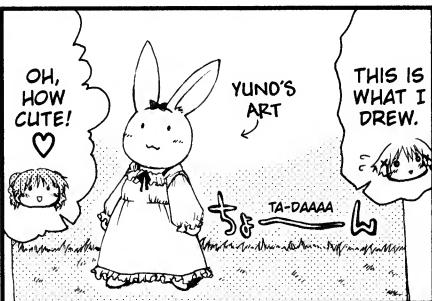
SCAREDY-CAT



SUSPENSE THEATER



AVANT GARDE ART



THE TRIANGULAR TEMPTATION



HIRO-SAN,
WHY
DID
YOU
LIE?

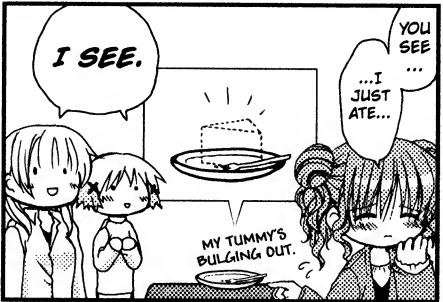


OKAY,
LET'S
GO!



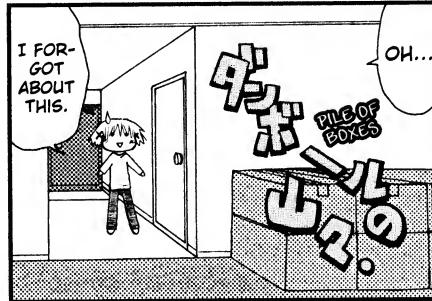
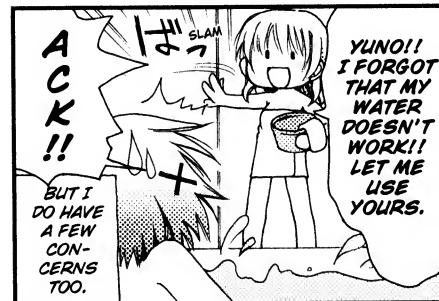
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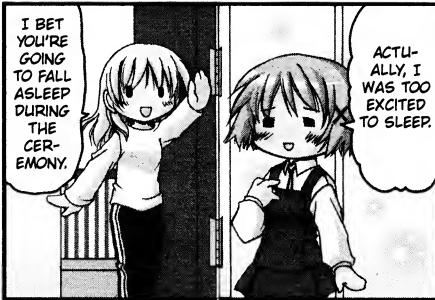
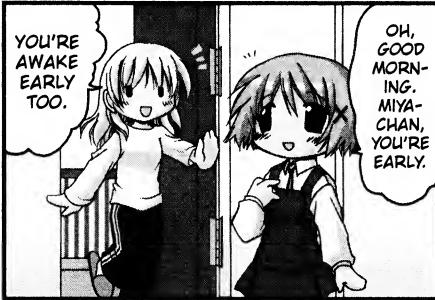
FROM NOW ON

FINALLY HOME



TODAY
IS THE
SCHOOL
EN-
TRANCE
CER-
EMONY
!!

Sunshine Sketch

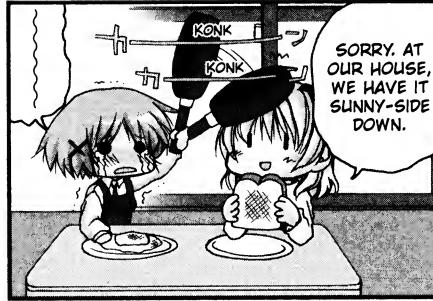
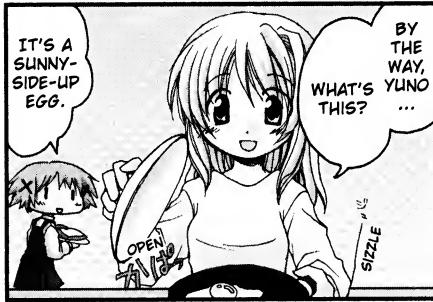


FORGOTTEN INTRODUCTION

EVEN GENEROUS YUNO CAN'T LET THIS ONE GO



YOU GUYS MAY HAVE THE CEREMONY, BUT FOR US JUNIORS AND SENIORS, ATTENDANCE IS OPTIONAL!!



DIFFERENT NAME



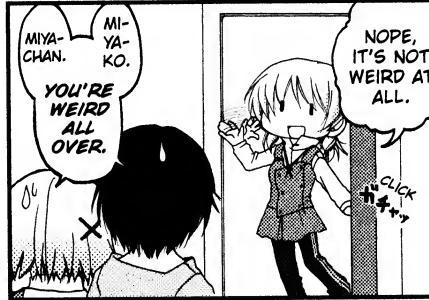
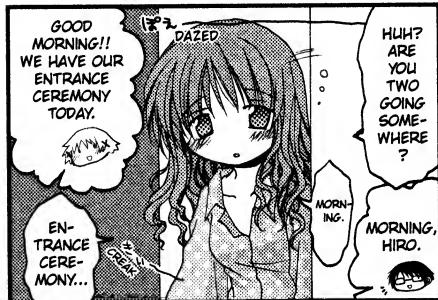
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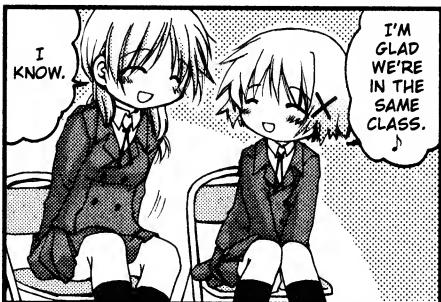
CAN'T GET UP



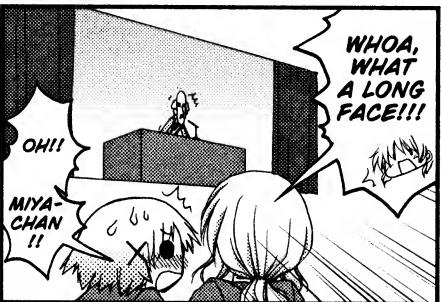
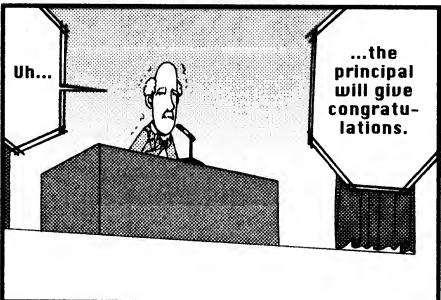
LOOK AT THE MIRROR



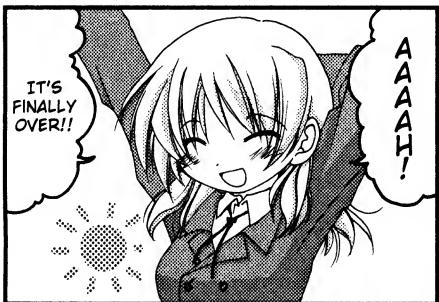
MIYA IS A BLUNT PERSON



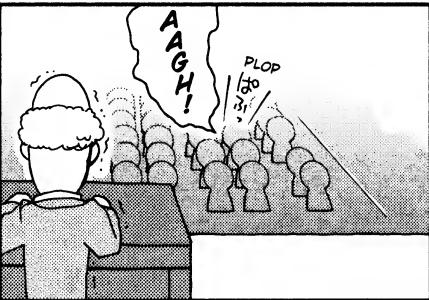
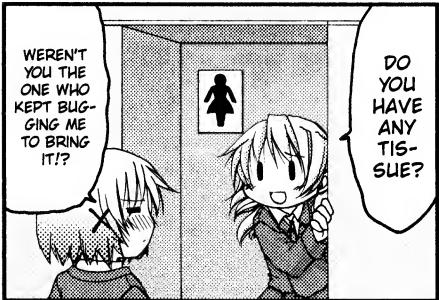
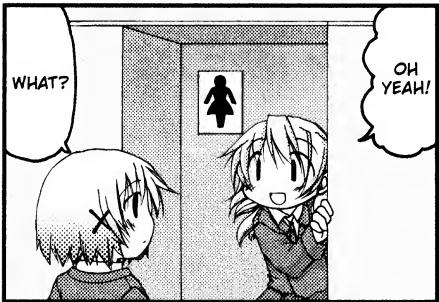
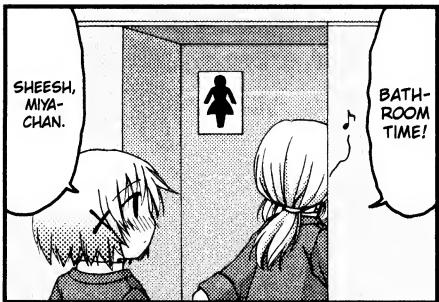
WELCOMING FLOWERS



EVEN YUNO WOULD GET UPSET



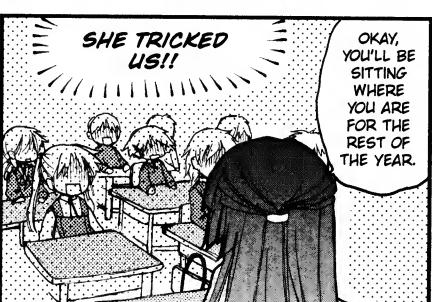
DON'T TOUCH



MOTIVATION

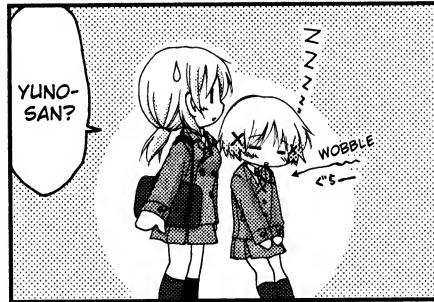


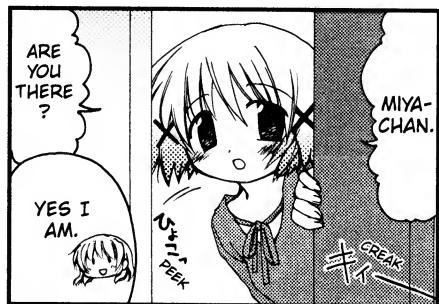
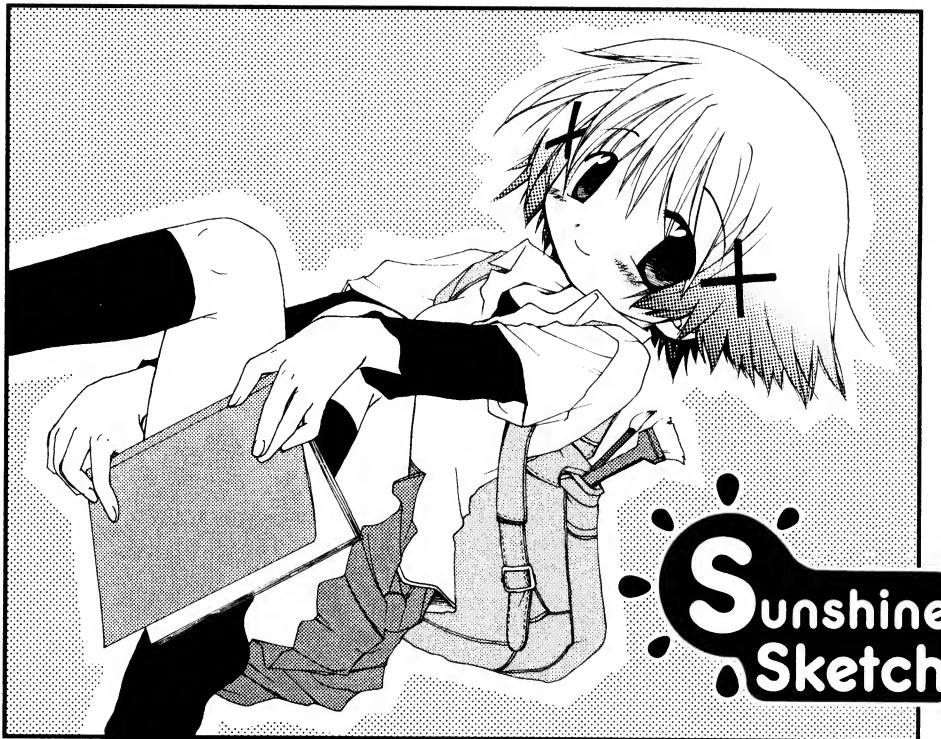
SEATING ARRANGEMENT



WEIGHING ON THE BACK

PHEW





LETTER: DEAR YUNO AND MIYAKO
COME TO HIRO'S APARTMENT AT 5 SHARP. ♪
NO TARDIES OR COMING EARLY!
*MAKE SURE TO KEEP YOUR APPETITE OPEN!!
FROM SAE & HIRO

NO MONEY FOR THAT



CRACKER ATTACK



HOUSE RULES



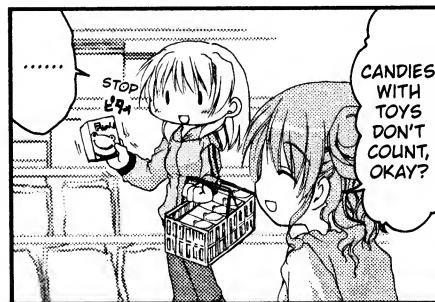
CONVENIENCE STORES ARE CONVENIENT



LAWS OF THE PENDULUM



SELECTION



TEST



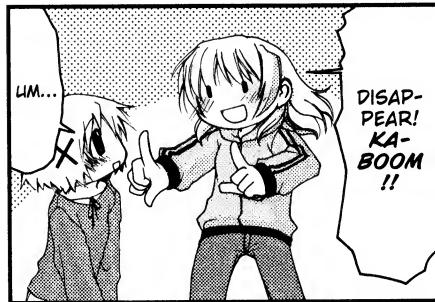
ALL UNDERAGE



ILLUSIONIST



LACK OF TRUST



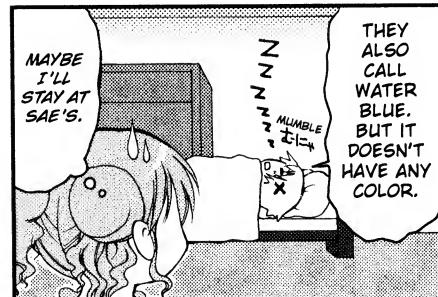
PERSONALITY CHANGE



SAE IS NOT DRUNK, THOUGH



RESTLESS



MUMBLING

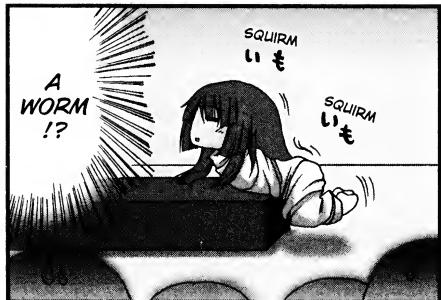
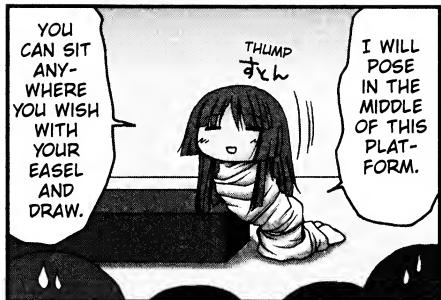




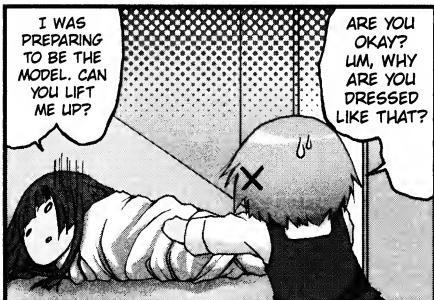
Yuno?
We're in a
different
classroom
for
drawing!



PUPA



ENCOUNTER



CAESAR



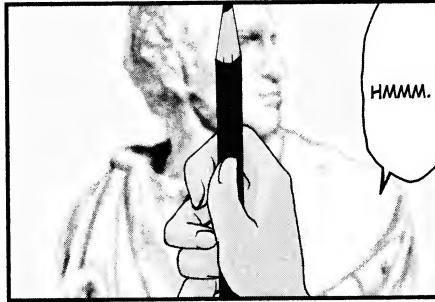
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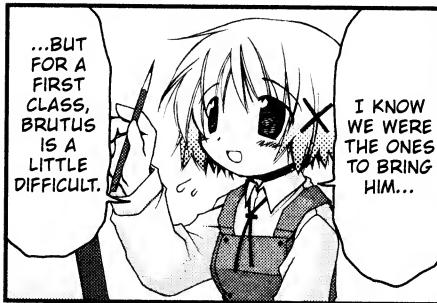
MISUNDERSTANDING



ENEMY



MISUNDERSTANDING AGAIN



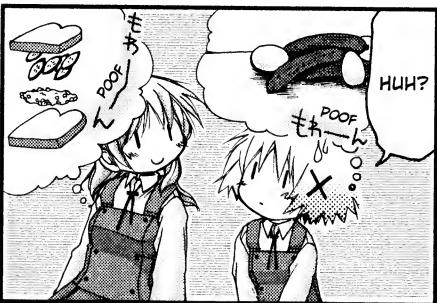
I KNOW WE WERE THE ONES TO BRING HIM...



INSTINCT



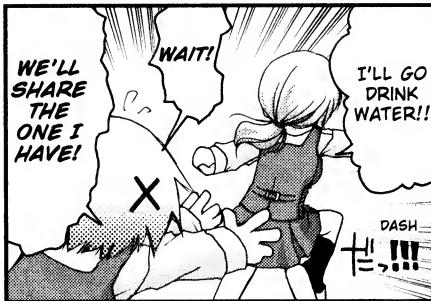
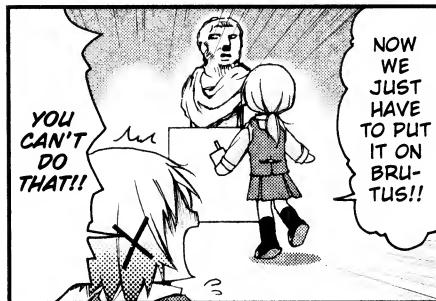
! FUMBLE



WINGING IT



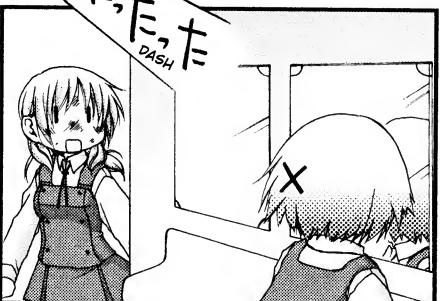
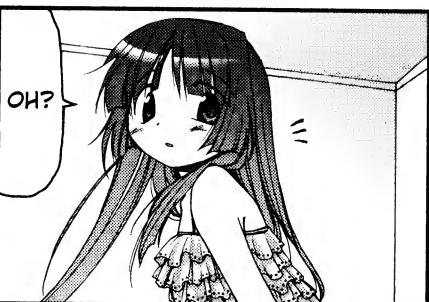
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COMRADE

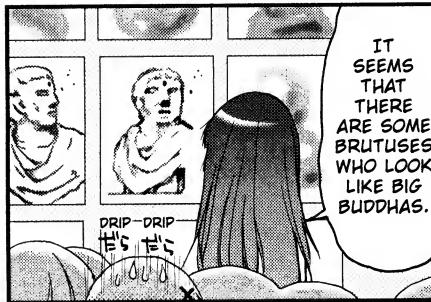
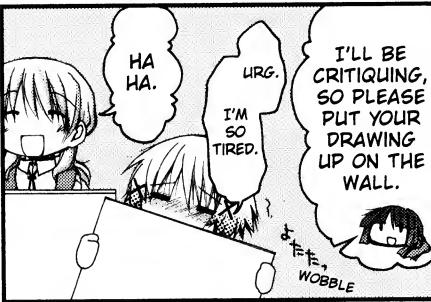


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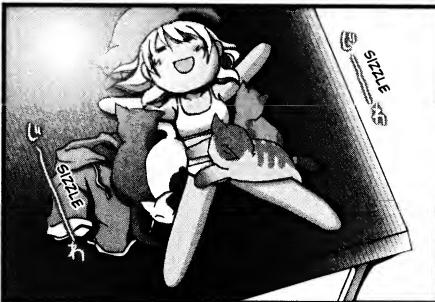
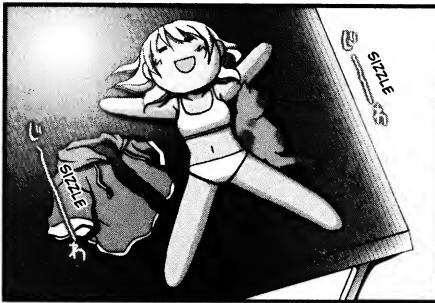


LEGACY?

...OR ARE FROM INDIA



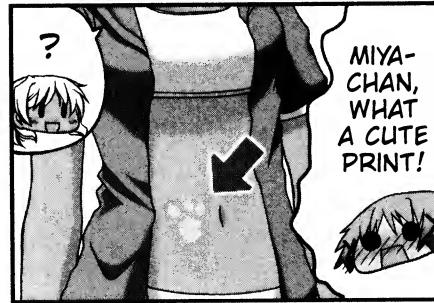
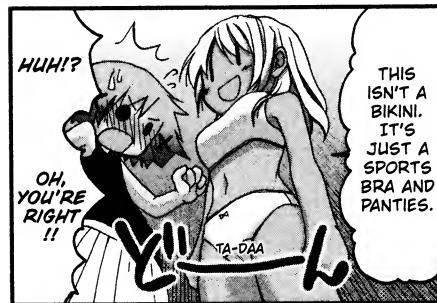
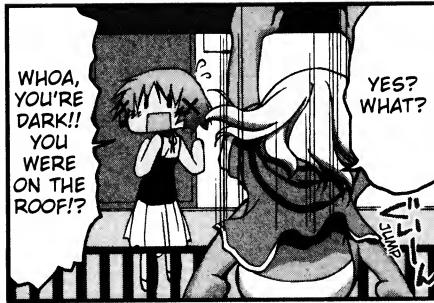
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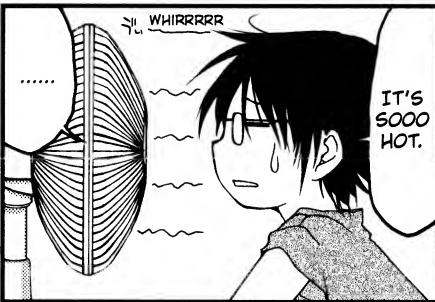
NOT WHAT YOU THINK



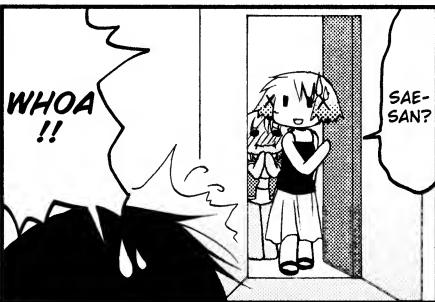
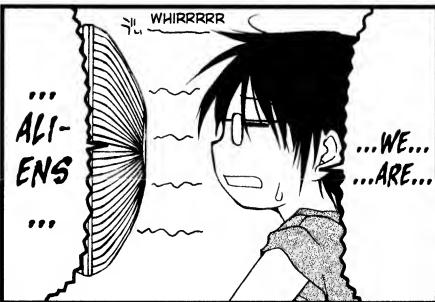
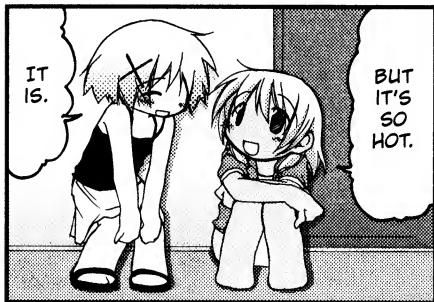
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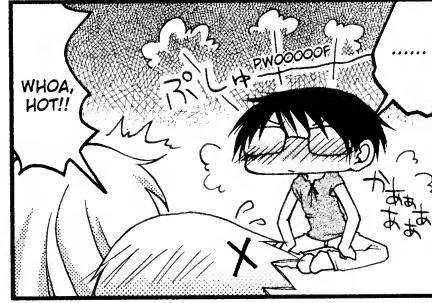
EMBARRASSMENT



SCARY



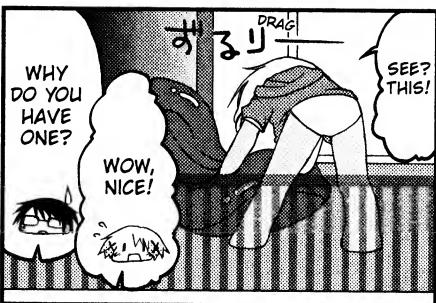
SAE-SENSEI REVEALED



SERIOUS SITUATION FOR THE FAMILY



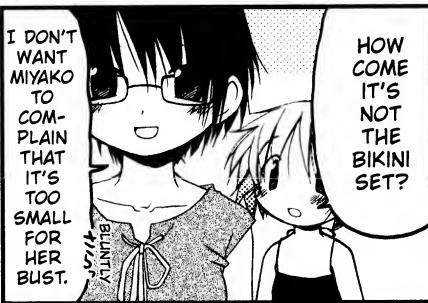
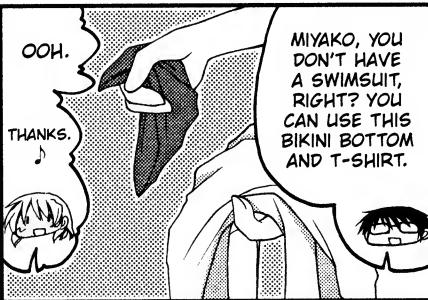
DIY



IN A WAY IT'S CORRECT?



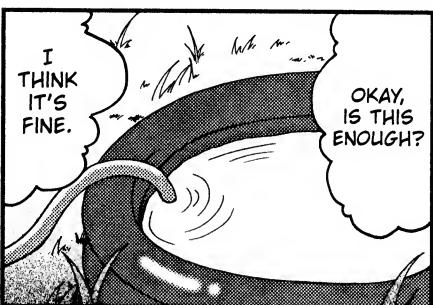
POSITIVELY SPEAKING



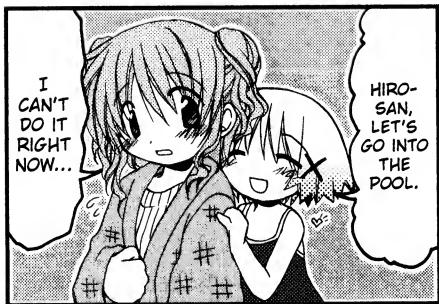
ANALYSIS IN FRONT



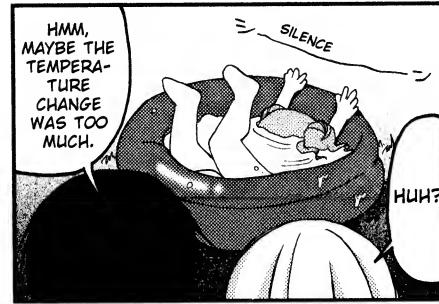
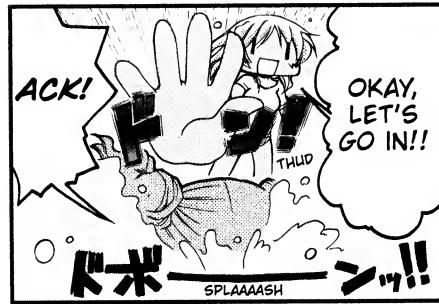
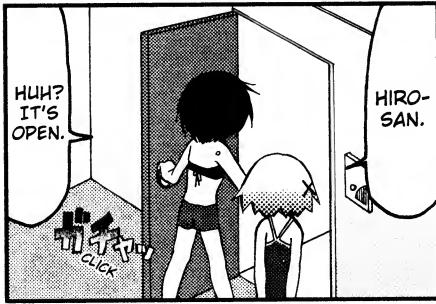
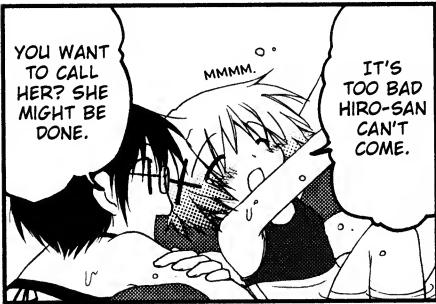
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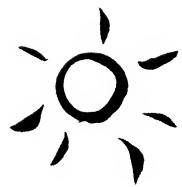


KIDS, DON'T DO THIS AT HOME



A ONE-PERSON TEST OF ENDURANCE





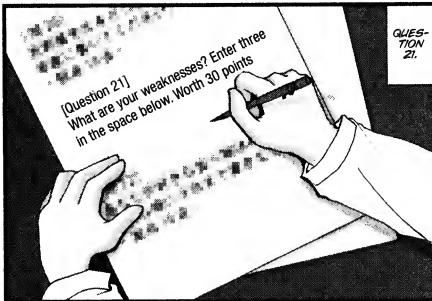




IT IS AN ART CLASS



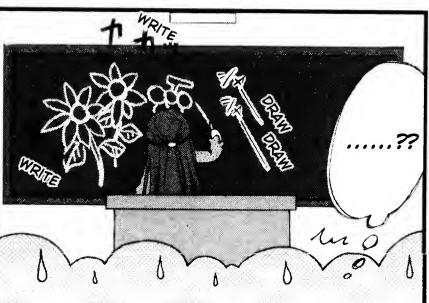
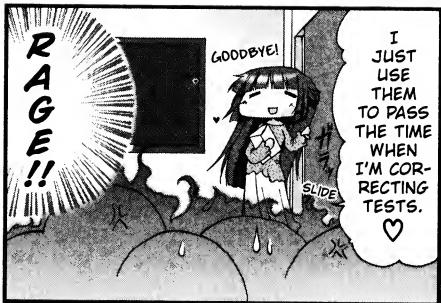
WHY DO YOU NEED THIS INFORMATION?



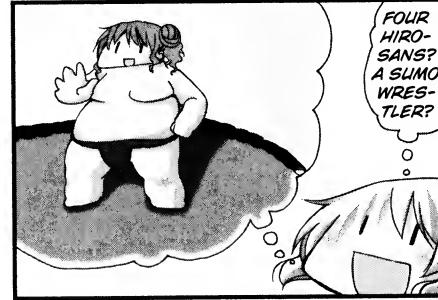
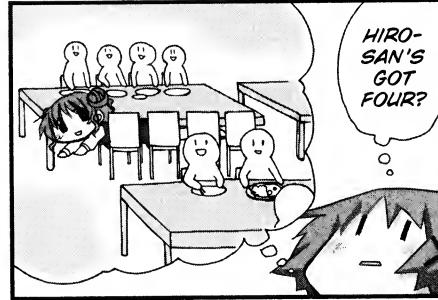
TEACHER'S POWER



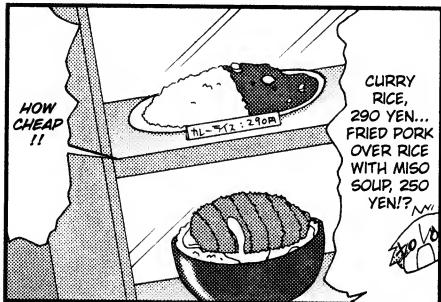
THE BLOOD OF AN ARTIST



THE AROMA



VOLUNTEER?



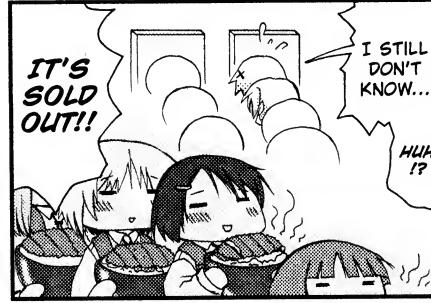
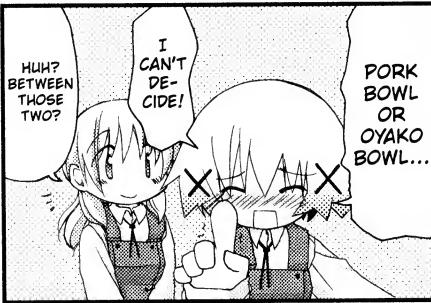
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GIMME!



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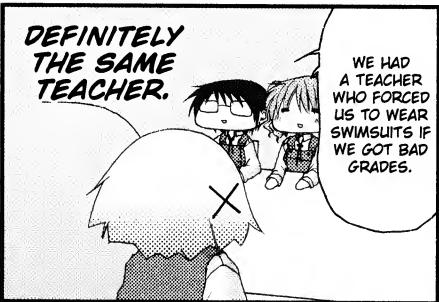
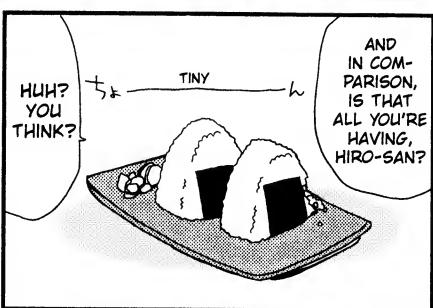


TICKET: FRIED PORK CURRY

SAME TRAITS



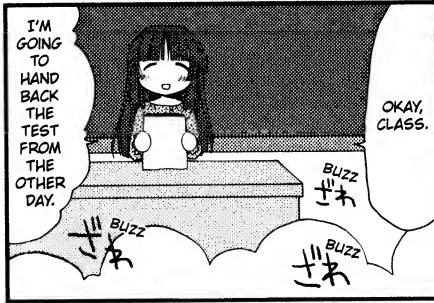
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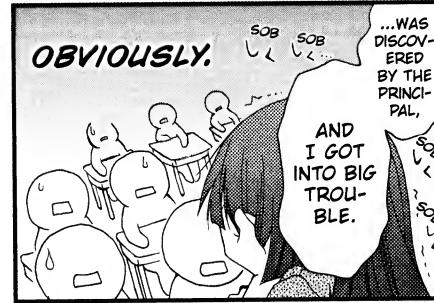
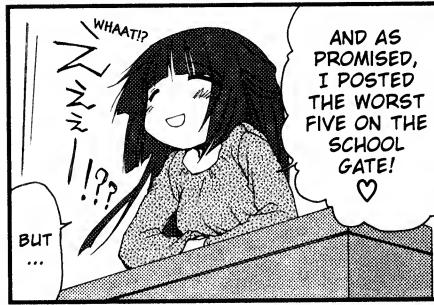
INSTEAD



THE FATEFUL DAY



INSTEAD,
I PUT THE
FUNNIEST
QUESTION
SHEET ON
THE GATE.



Sunshine Sketch



SOUND OF IT



ONE MINUTE AWAY



HOMESICK



SNEAKY



SORRY

LET'S PUT ON A HAT



TO GO



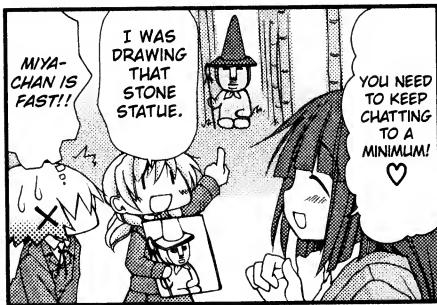
DISCOVERING THE ODD



TRUTH



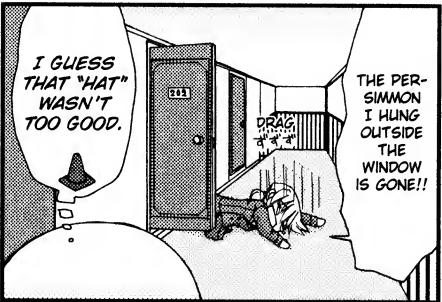
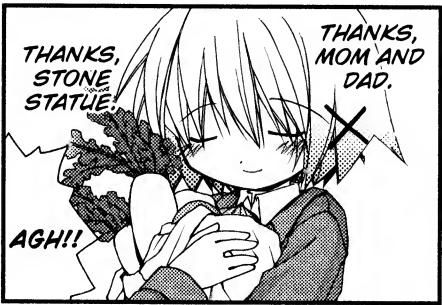
GIRLY GIRL



JUDGMENT DAY

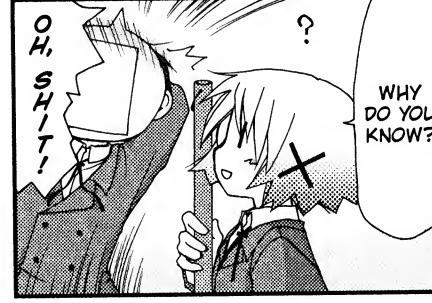
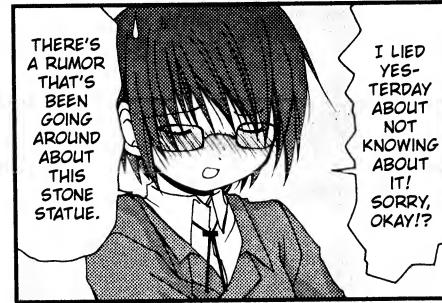


EFFECTS OF TIME



SHE IS A GIRL AFTER ALL

OOPS



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EXPERIENCE

NICE VIEW



ASSISTANCE



FUN GAMES



MISSING SHOES



CONFUSED HONESTY



APPETITE

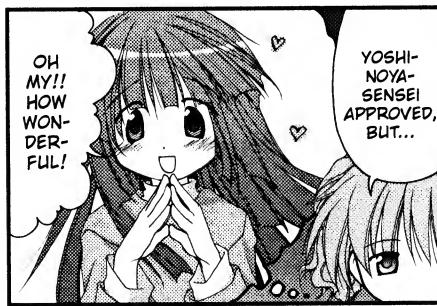


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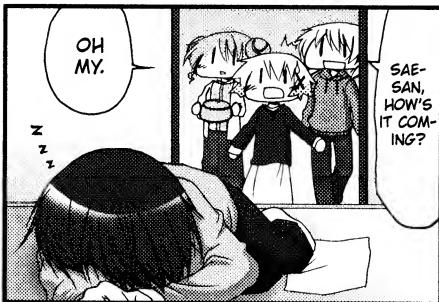


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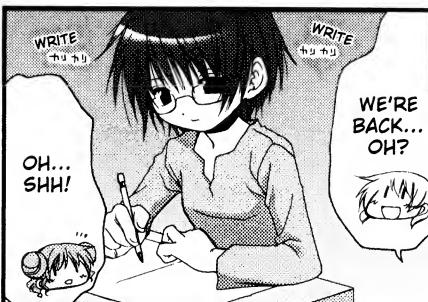
BIG DIFFERENCE



THREE HOURS LATER



SAE-SAN,
HOW'S
IT COM-
ING?



OH...
SHH!



IT SAYS,
"I ONLY
HAVE THE
LAST SCENE
TO GO, SO
I'M GOING
TO SLEEP
A BIT."

PAT
PAT



I'LL LEAVE
THE STUFF
HERE.

OKAY!

IT LOOKS
LIKE SHE'S
ON A ROLL,
SO LET'S
LEAVE
QUIETLY.



ROLL
ロール



WE'RE
COMING
IN.

OKAY.

JUST
PUT THE
INGRE-
DENTS
OVER
THERE.



HERE
YOU GO.



YOU DID,
I COULD
SMELL
CURRY.

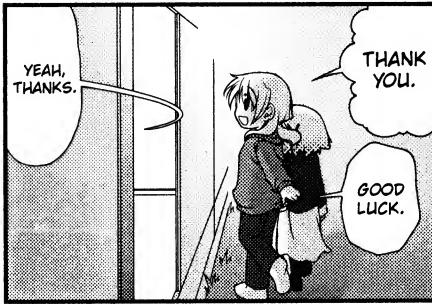
HUH?
DID I?

MIYA-
CHAN,
DON'T
OPEN
OTHER
PEOPLE'S
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WITHOUT
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NON-FICTION

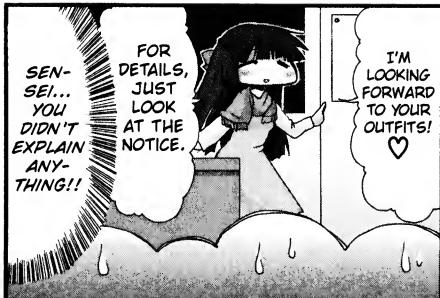
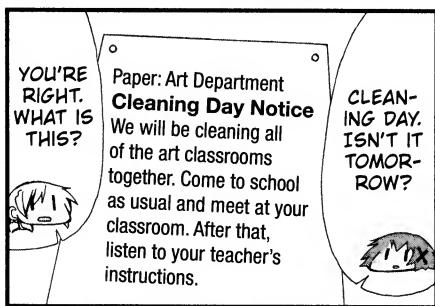


PERFECT RELATIONSHIP





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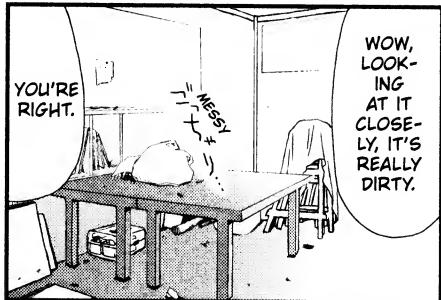
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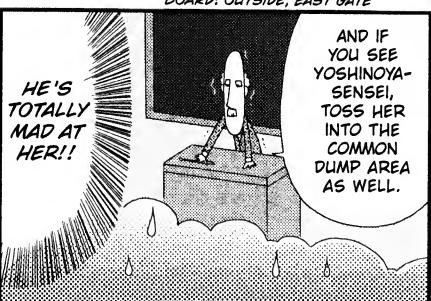
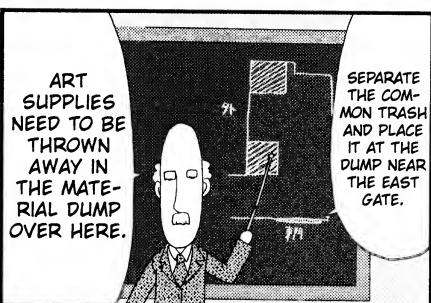
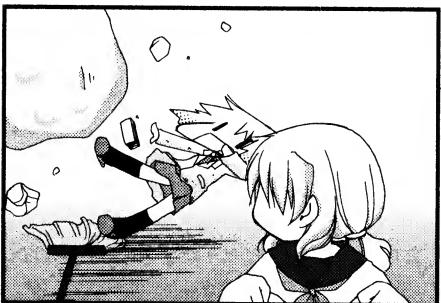
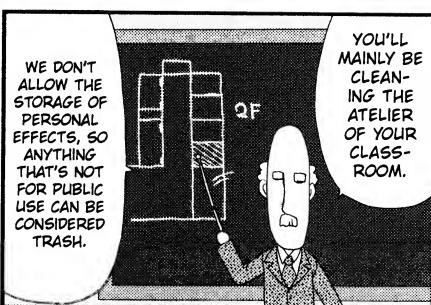
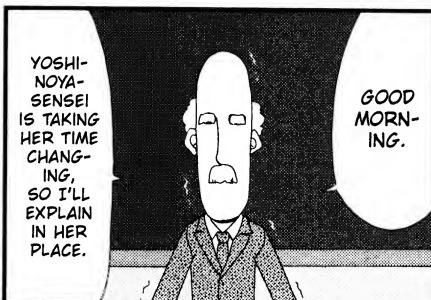
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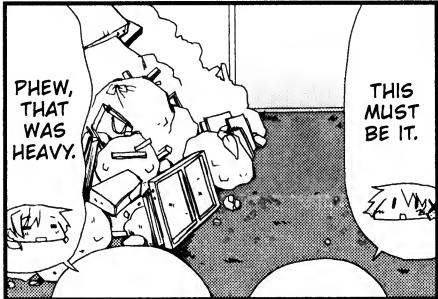
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PRINCIPAL'S EXPLANATION



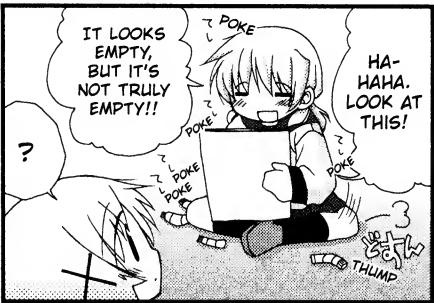
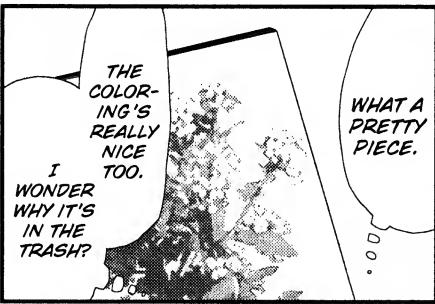
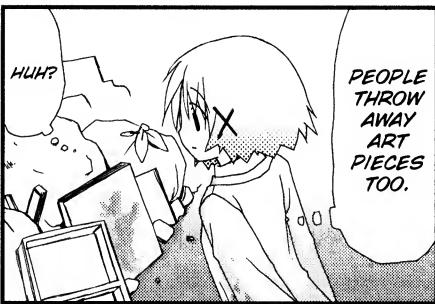
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POWERFUL



SCIENTIFIC NAME



NO SUPPLIES



NEGATIVE THINKING



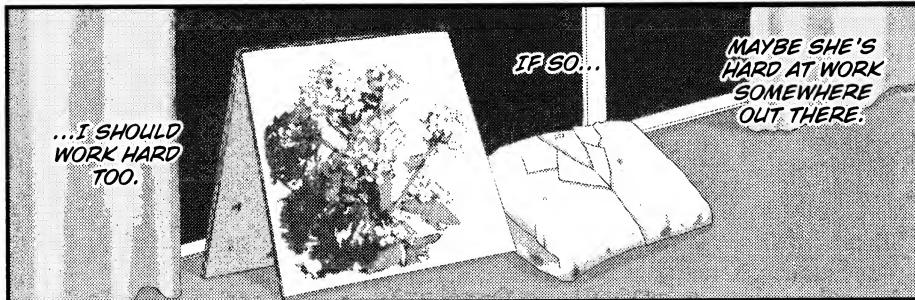
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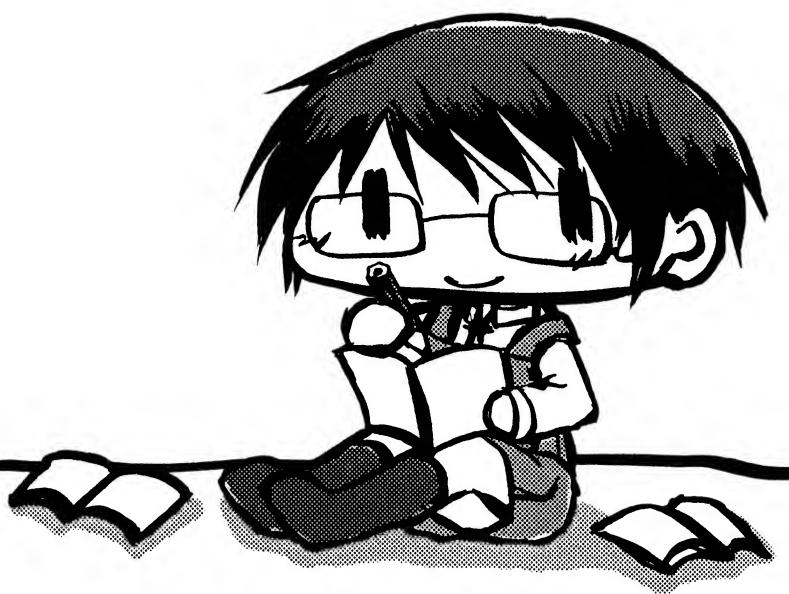


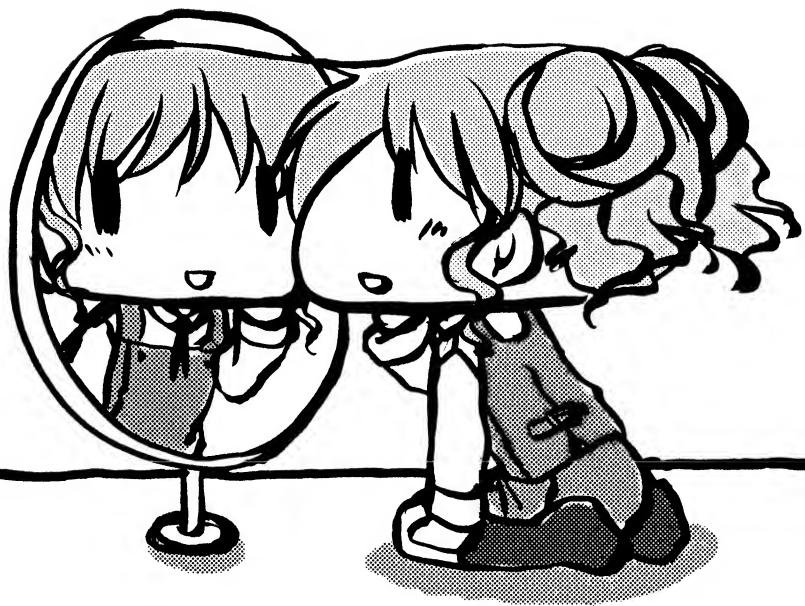
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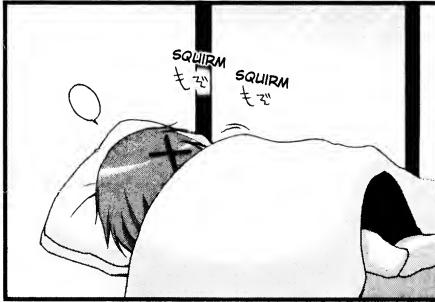


BEDTIME CHATTER









HIGH FUNCTION



EMERGENCY



COMPARED TO A ROLY-POLY



FOUND A BIG ONE



UKIYO-E



DOCTOR HIRO



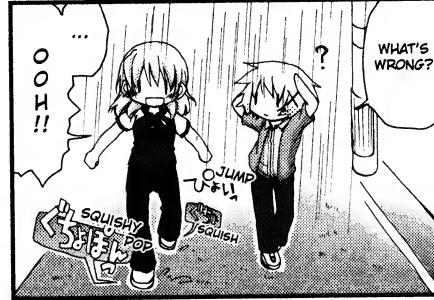
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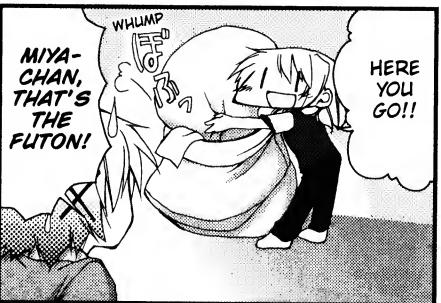
WET



STOMP



HUGE TERU TERU BOUZU



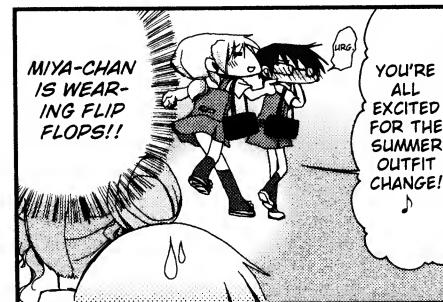
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SUMMER OUTFIT



FINALLY SUNNY





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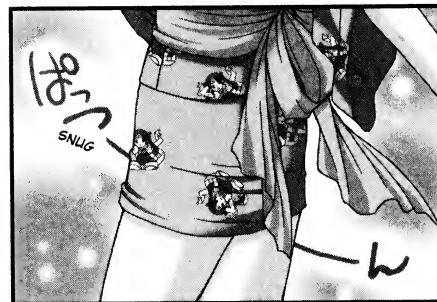


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OPINION



FOR AGES 6-10



DON'T LEND THAT OUT



NO SENSE OF DANGER



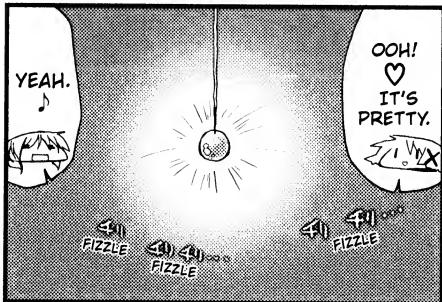
YO-YO BALLOONS



KIN-CHAN?



COMBO



OOH!
IT'S PRETTY.

FIZZLE FIZZLE

CAT FOR A MOUSE



BUT IT'S SO TINY.



THEY ALWAYS CHASE ME.

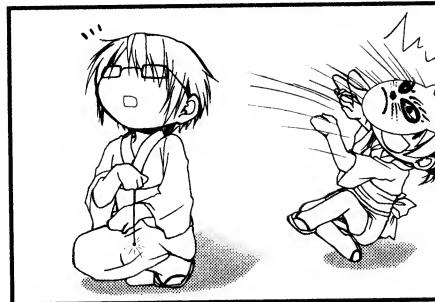
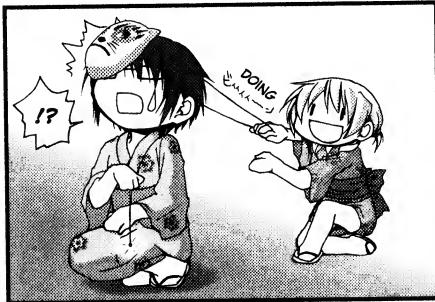


SOB

BABY FACE



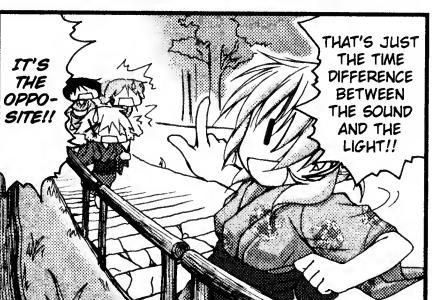
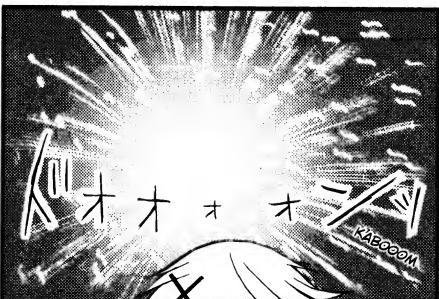
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JAPANESE SUMMER



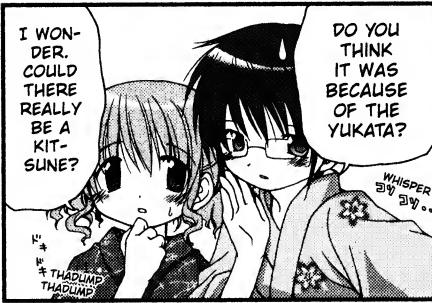
AFTER THE FESTIVAL



ANOTHER CONFIRMATION



CONFIRMATION





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ONLY IN MIYAKO'S CASE

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MANY NAMES

SEASONAL



SLEEP TALK?

SCARY THINGS



MAYBE NOT A GOOD IDEA



IT MEANS CASTLE



SIGN: HIDAMARI APARTMENTS



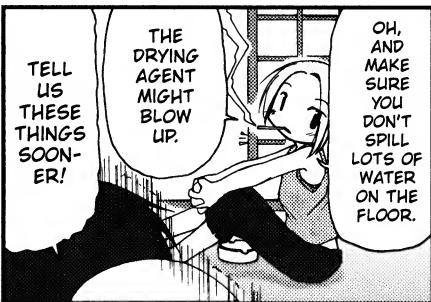
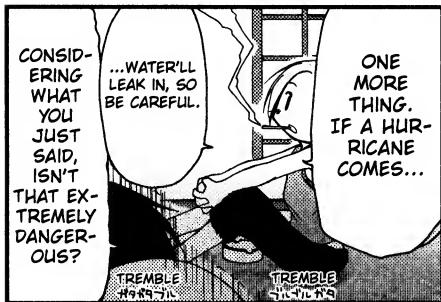
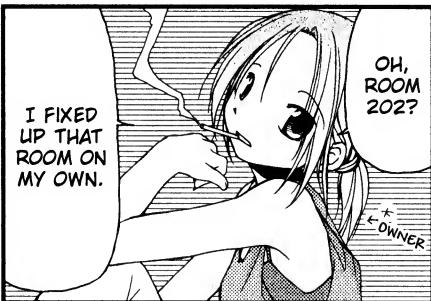
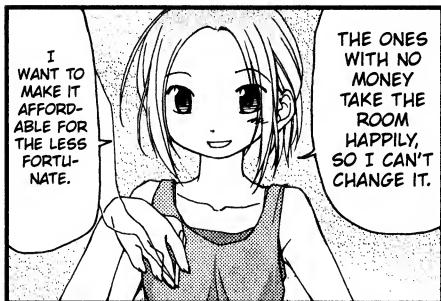
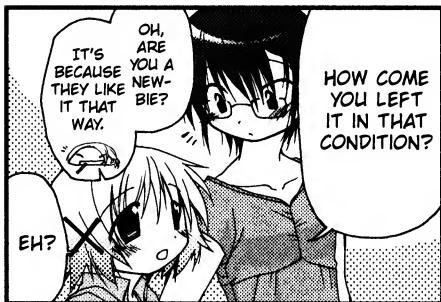
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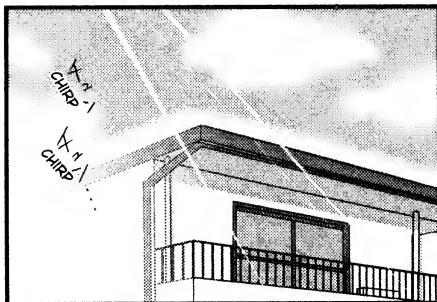
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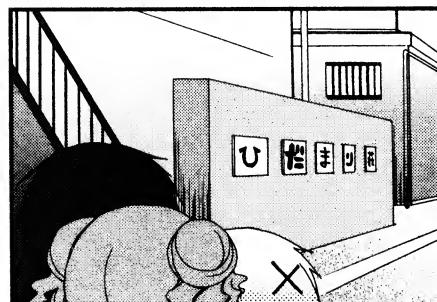
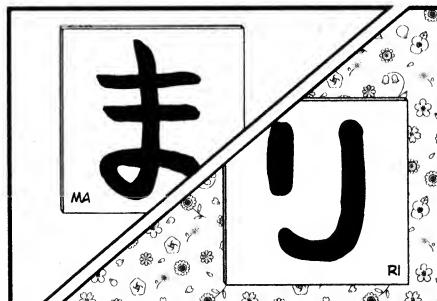
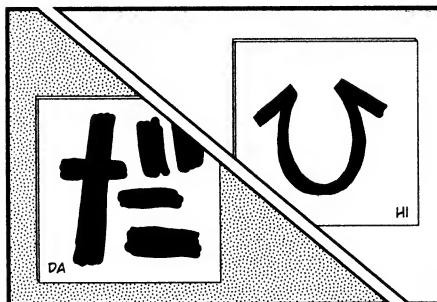
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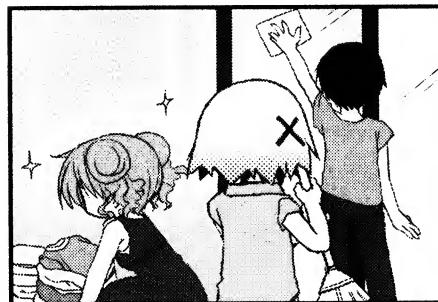
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TOO MUCH CURRY

CONSIDERATE OF FRIENDS



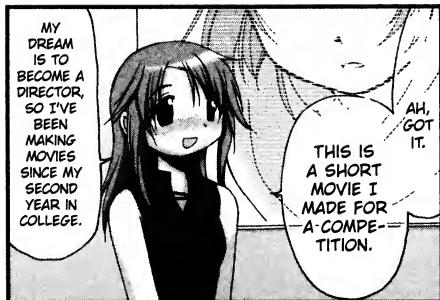
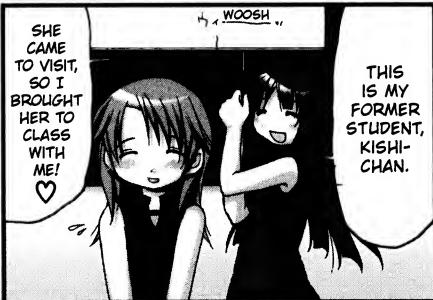
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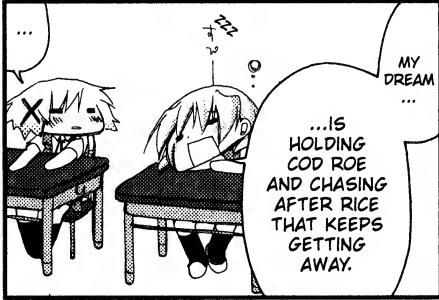
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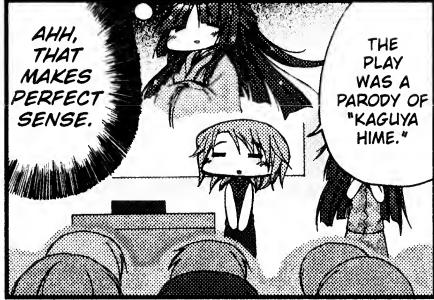
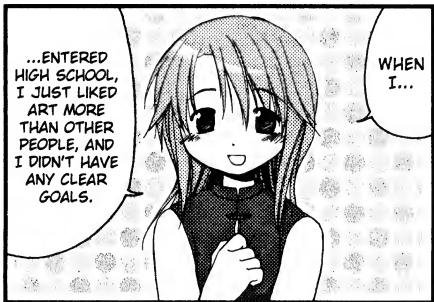
WRONG TAPE!



DAYDREAM



NO WIG NECESSARY



ADVICE

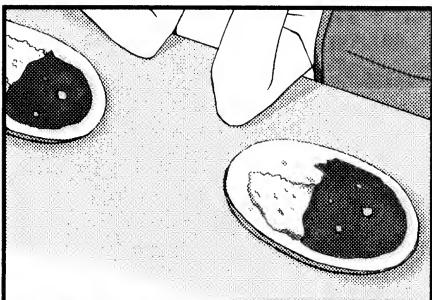
SUMMONED COURAGE



PEASANT SENSES



YOU HAVEN'T WON YET



LOVER'S NAME



SAME



AFTERWORD

HELLO!
NICE TO
MEET YOU.
I'M UME
AOKI.
THANK
YOU FOR
PICKING UP
SUNSHINE
SKETCH!!

I DREW PANEL
BY PANEL,
STRUGGLING
ALL THE WAY,
AND I REALLY
CAN'T BELIEVE
IT TURNED OUT
TO BE ONE
BOOK. IT'S
THANKS TO ALL
OF YOU THAT I
WAS ABLE TO
COME SO FAR!
THANK YOU
VERY MUCH!♥

I'D BE
HAPPY
IF YOU
ENJOYED
IT. I HOPE
I CAN
SEE YOU
AGAIN!

UME
AOKI
(FALL
2005)





MATSUDA 98 (MY COMRADE)
LAIN-CHAN (FOR HELPING)
KIONACHI-SAMA (COVER DESIGN)
K-BAYASHI-SAMA (EDITOR)

MY PARENTS

ALL OF MY FRIENDS AND READERS!

HANX!

TRANSLATOR'S NOTES

PAGE 2

High School

In Japan, high school is three years, so when they say "first year in high school," they mean that you are a sophomore and not a freshman.

PAGE 5

Cold and Stupidity

In Japan, there is a saying that stupid people don't catch a cold.

PAGE 10

Moving Soba

It is an old tradition to give out soba (buckwheat noodles) to your neighbors when you move into a new place. It started at the end of Edo period.

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Kansai-style Soup

Generally, kansai-style is lighter in taste.

PAGE 11

Udon

Udon is a type of noodle in Japan that is white and thick.

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Janken Steps

Janken is the name for rock-paper-scissors in Japanese. Instead of saying "one, two, three," the Japanese would say, "janken pon!"
Janken steps is a game in which, each time you win, you get to take a certain number of steps depending on what symbol you won with. Usually when you win with rock (gu), you take 3 steps for "gu-ri-ka." Scissors (choki), you take 6 steps for "chi-ya-ko-re-to." Paper (po), you take 6 steps for "po-+no-p-pu-ru."

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Kaidan

In Japanese, kaidan is a homonym for "scary stories" and "stairs."

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Saw and Hammer

In Japanese, you call people who can't swim a "hammer." This is because hammers sink. But Yuno makes a mistake and calls herself a saw.

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Oyako Bowl

Oyako bowl is a dish made of chicken, onions, and egg. Oyako means "parent and child," which is a reference to the chicken and the egg used in the recipe. It is served over white rice.

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Chikurin

In Japanese, Yuno says, "chikurin" for a bamboo grove. Then she drew something that one might think of when you say the words "chikurin," which is something pokey and tiny.

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Warlord Skit

Yuno and Miyako are playing a common skit where they pretend to be evil warlords chasing beautiful women. Miyako is wrapping the paper around her to resemble an obi (the long fabric that ties the kimono in place). In the skit, the evil warlord pulls the obi to make the woman twirl around and undress her. Yuno is supposed to say, "Come on, give me some of that booty!" (or something similar), but instead she says a line from another evil warlord skit.

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Ukiyo-e

Ukiyo-e is "pictures of the floating world" and a genre of Japanese paintings created between the 17th and 20th centuries. It features motifs of landscapes, tales from history, the theater, and pleasure quarters.

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Nikuman

Nikuman are steamed buns with meat inside.

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Running Fast

In Japanese, "running fast" refers to food that goes bad easily.

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Teru Teru Bozu

A teru teru bozu is something you make out of paper or cloth to wish for the rain to go away. "Teru teru" is "shiny shiny" in Japanese.

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Yukata

Yukatas are kimonos worn mainly in the summer. They are made of lighter fabric than kimonos, and have fewer garments underneath. The word "yukata" comes from the words "bath" and "clothing." In old Japan, people wore clothing to take a bath, and something simpler and lighter than yukatas were worn. Eventually people came to wear them loosely after a bath, and in modern Japan people wear them at hot spring Japanese hotels, festivals, or just simply around the house during summer.

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Kin-chan Toyama

Yuno named her goldfish Kin-chan Toyama after a famous fictional character, Kin-san of Toyama. The "Kin" is taken from the word "kingyo," which is Japanese for goldfish. Kin-san was a samurai and official of the Tokugawa Shogunate during the Edo Period who punished wrongdoers and helped the common people. He is well known for his cherry blossom tattoo on his shoulder.

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Mouse-Tail Fireworks

The mouse-tail fireworks act the same way as the US ground spinners. They are named so because the Japanese versions are shaped like a mouse tail, unlike the ground spinners, which are cylindrical in shape.

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Kitsune

Kitsune is the Japanese word for fox. They are said to be intelligent and have magical abilities in Japanese tales. They are closely associated to the Inari, the Japanese gods of fertility, agriculture, and worldly success. Kitsune act as their messengers.

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Tamaya and Kagiya

Japanese people say "Tamaya" when a big firework goes up. This is a tradition originating from the Edo period, when two firework makers known as Tamaya and Kagiya competed to make the best fireworks. The two would put up fireworks and yell out their names "Tamaya!" and "Kagiya!" every time their work went up.

PAGE 100

Oinari-san

Oinari-san is short for inari sushi, a Japanese food made out of sweetened fried tofu filled with rice. It is called inari sushi because it is said that kitsune like fried tofu.

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Chidamari and Odamari

Chidamari means "bloody" or "a puddle of blood" in Japanese. Odamari means "be quiet" in Japanese. Both are puns on Hidamari.

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"Kaguya Hime"

"Kaguya Hime" is an old tale about a mysterious girl who was discovered in a shining bamboo shoot. Although she has many suitors, she eventually goes back up to the moon where she is from. Usually the Kaguya Hime has a hairstyle similar to Yoshinoya-sensei.

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